

# NORTHERN LAKE COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

September 2006

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## Bits and pieces from the president

It's hard to believe that summer is waning and the evenings get darker earlier. But that means that quilting season is back. When the cooler days of September appear it is time to think about all those Christmas projects that you were going to start back in June so that you would not be in a rush again come December!

It is also time for our Guild to have the changing of the guard. I have really enjoyed the last two years as your president. Our Guild has really come a long way and I am very proud to be a member of the Northern Lake County Quilters Guild. It has been fun and rewarding and I'm glad I had the opportunity to serve. But now it is time to turn the reins over to others and participate in other ways.

I don't know about you, but my tummy still hurts from laughing so much at the two Kays. That was one of the best programs we have had and I look forward to seeing them again with a different program sometime in 2007. We are certainly lucky to have such wonderful talent so near to home.

Our pot luck dinner meeting in September is looking good. I have not yet decided what to bring but I'm leaning toward an Italian desert. Or maybe I should just go see Guido and get something really exotic. Decisions, decisions, there are just too many items to choose from. No matter what it is always a great evening.

Plans for the Quilt Show are moving right along. I can't believe so much is already done. Laura and Robin are really on the ball and the committee heads are working hard already. We will be making a decision about which Charity we will be sharing the raffle quilt money with at this meeting. So think about a charity that is near and dear to you and offer it as a choice. I know what I'm going to put in, do you?

See you on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to be there at 6:30 to eat. If you don't want to partake with us but still want to come to the meeting, show up around 7 or so. We will probably still be making the second trip to the buffet and will try and get you to eat anyway!

Happy Stitching, Wendy

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### NLCQG Calendar:

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| Sept. 6  | NLCQG Meeting, 6:30 PM - Potluck & Election of Officers  |
| Sept. 13 | NLCQG Board Meeting, 7 pm  |
| Oct. 4   | NLCQG Meeting, 7 PM - The Thread Lady, Marje Myers lectures on the use of various types of thread & sewing machine needles |
| Oct. 11  | NLCQG Board Meeting, 7 PM  |
| Nov. 1   | NLCQG Meeting, 7 PM - Colleen Storiz from Shoo Fly Quilts in Grayslake - TBA   |
| Nov. 8   | NLCQG Board Meeting, 7 PM  |
| Dec. 6   | NLCQG Meeting, 7 PM - Holiday Party  |
| Dec. 13  | NLCQG Board Meeting, 7 PM  |

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 2, 2006

President Wendy Maston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Villa/Antioch Township Building.

PROGRAM – “HATS OFF TO QUILTING” Kay Steinmetz and Kay Montgomery made their quilt trunk show into an event. Much fun and many laughs. Beautiful quilts.

TWO TRUTHS AND A FIB – Patty introduced two more members. If you haven't filled out a “Two Truths and a Fib” card or would like to do another one, see Patty.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS – Wendy read the proposed slate of officers.

President - Barb Jolley	Vice President – Patty Lathrop
Secretary - Carol Dunn	Treasurer – Shar Snellman
Programs - Wendy Maston	Newsletter - Sharon Wick

Dawn will continue to do a wonderful job with our web site.

The September meeting will be Elections and Pot Luck Supper. If any member is interested in serving in any of the elected positions, let Wendy know, or nominations will be taken from the floor at the September meeting. The theme for the Pot Luck Supper will be “Italian”.

MEMBERSHIP – Terri Trotter introduced a visitor.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH – The blocks, Patriotic Stars, were won by Kathy Charniak. Deb G. presented the next Block of the Month.

SECRET SISTER –The Secret Sister exchange was handed out.

CHARITY QUILTS – Joan Schiller of Good Shepherd Hospital thanked the Guild for the charity quilt donations and shared several heart touching stories.

QUILT SHOW 2007 – Co-Chairs Robin Kessell and Laura Jackson

SPECIAL DISPLAYS:

*QUILT AS DESIRED* –no report

*RAFFLE QUILT*: - no report

*MYSTERY QUILT* – Dawn Denman has designed a mystery quilt. Participating members were given step 4 in the mystery quilt.

*TEMPLATE*- A four inch acrylic plastic diamond shape template was shown for a fund raising project. The left over fabric from the raffle quilt will be used to make Baby Block kits to sell at the quilt show. A projected profit of \$380.00 is predicted. Randi Del Gatto is in charge of the committee to assemble the kits.

*VOLUNTEERS*: The sign up sheets were posted on a table, and several more members signed up to help with the quilt show.

A QUILT SHOW MEETING WILL BE HELD AFTER THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 9, 2006. ANY MEMBER WISHING TO WORK ON THE QUILT SHOW IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

SHOO FLY BOOK PROGRAM –We are continuing the collection of the receipts from Shoo Fly Quilts to exchange for books for our Guild Library. Any receipt from Shoo Fly Quilts (large or small) is appreciated. Turn them over to Carol Dunn. We are very close to our goal of \$2,000 in sales at Shoo Fly.

SHOW AND SHARE

CHARITY QUILTS – Ellen Pease showed us a small quilt that a member made for charity. She will take the quilt to Good Shepherd Hospital.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol Dunn, Secretary NLCQG

## **CALLING ALL GUILD MEMBERS** ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦



### **SEPTEMBER POT LUCK.....**

Our theme for the Pot Luck is 'Quilters Kickin' It Italian Style' in honor of the World Cup Soccer Championship Team from Italy. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. Since we always have lots of food, you don't need to *super size* your recipe. If your favorite dish is Italian, that's even better!

Please note that dinner will start at 6:30 PM sharp!

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### **DESIGNATED CHARITY for 2007 Raffle Quilt sales**

At the September meeting our quilt guild will be voting on a charity or charities to receive a donation from the proceeds of our 2007 raffle quilt. We are asking members to bring charity ideas to the meeting. Once we have selected our charity, we can proceed with the publicity and raffle ticket printing for our 2007 quilt show.

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### **MYSTERY QUILT Notes & Updates.....from Dawn Denman**

Notes: The blocks for months 3 and 4 finish to a size of 4" Finished, 4-1/2" Unfinished. In the Half Square Triangle diagram in month 3, the words cut and sew should be switched. If you're behind, in month 3 the cutting directions for Cowboy Boots will make all 4 blocks needed. All the other blocks the cutting directions are for 1 block. You will need the number of blocks noted in the directions.

For month 4, Fiddles - I was missing the colored center square in the middle of the block in the cutting directions. Cowboy Hats - I have you cutting extra 1-7/8" squares from the second coordinating fabric - you only need one (for one block).

Sorry if I've confused anyone - revised directions for months 3 and 4 are on the web page: <http://www.nlcqg.org/mystery.html>

Also check out Shar's, Marcia's and Susan's blocks from month 3 on that page (under Month 3). Aren't they wonderful!

Bring samples of your blocks so far to Guild in September! We want to see them! I'll take some pictures to post on the web!

## And Sew On - - - - -



### **Guild Web Page Call for Help!**

Anyone who entered quilts in the Lake County Fair, if your name and pictures of your quilts are not shown on the guild web page please let me know. I need your help to complete the page with names, ribbon winners names and pictures of all the quilts entered in the fair. Or if you happen to have pictures but didn't enter feel free to send me those also! Thanks, Dawn!

**Guild Fair web page:** <http://www.nlcgg.org/fair06/index.html>

### **ATTENTION ALL QUILTERS!!!**

I just wanted to mention that I, myself, don't think I'm such a great quilter! When I see the Show and Share that others bring to the Guild meetings, I think, wow, I would never, never try that. But I stitch and I quilt and I enjoy it all so much. I don't especially care who sees my quilts, but care rather about the people to whom they bring warmth. I'm nowhere near a perfectionist, but the therapy I gain from hours at my sewing machine or with a needle in my hand is immeasurable.

When my quilts are hung in the Quilt Show, I am the person standing in front of them, thinking, wow, I did this, isn't this nice? I don't compete, I don't expect a ribbon, and don't even care about ribbons, what I care about is the joy I feel when I Look at what I've accomplished.

So - to all of you - no matter what your level of expertise may be - please plan to show your quilts at the 2007 Quilt Show. Being part of this show will bring joy to your heart. Don't compete - just SHARE - any and all of your accomplishments with us!

Respectfully submitted by Laura Jackson, Co-Chairperson for Lake County Impressions IX

### **QUILT-AS-DESIRED DISPLAY.....from Laura Jackson**

Reminder - Don't forget your star wall hanging for Quilt-As-Desired. We are counting on all of you who purchased a kit to be sure to turn it in, so we can have a great quilting display for our Show. Remember, this is not competitive, it's just plain fun. Don't wait until the last minute! Thanks for participating.

### **MENTOR PROGRAM**

Elizabeth Mini and Sharon Wick will serve as mentors to our new members by contacting them after the guild meeting to extend a welcome to our guild. New members will be given the Mentor's phone numbers and/or email addresses and will be encouraged to contact them with their questions or concerns about our quilt guild.

***IMPORTANT! Membership dues and Block of the Month fees will be collected at the September meeting.***



## **New Fiction – ' Lover's Knot' by Emilie Richards**

For those of you who have read Emilie Richards Wedding Ring and Endless Chain - you're in for a treat! The 3rd of the series has been released! Lover's Knot continues with a touching story about the folks who live in the Shenandoah Valley today and yesterday. Several of our favorite characters from the first 2 books once again play a role in this story of Kendra Taylor and her husband Isaac as they learn about themselves and the mysteries of Isaac's birth family through the quilt left to him by his grandmother. As they seek the

answers to the quilt the mystery of the family's past and the difficulties and moral dilemmas of the present are brought together to create an intriguing story and once again involve you in their lives.

I continue to love each new book by Emilie Richards in this series more than the last! I love the way the quilts in her books play an important part of the characters lives without being a story "just about quilts". I highly recommend reading all 3 if you haven't done so. And if you read the first 2 - get the third now! I'm so excited they changed the Shenandoah Album trilogy to a series!

Editor's Note: Thanks once again to Dawn Denman for another great book review! Keep them coming.





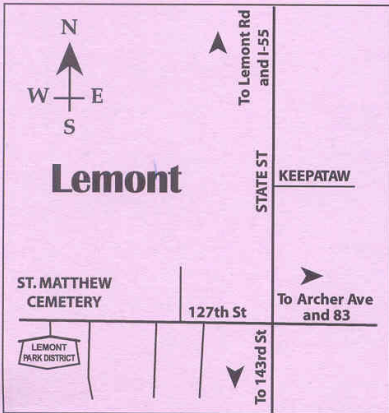
**Heritage Quilters Guild**  
presents  
**Harvest of Quilts**  
Celebrating 25 Years of  
Quilting Tradition


**WHEN:** Sat., Sept. 30, 2006 10am - 5pm  
Sun., Oct. 1, 2006 10am - 4pm

**WHERE:** Lemont Park District  
at Centennial Park  
16028 W. 127th St., Lemont, IL

\*\*\* Raffle Quilt Drawing \*\*\*  
Sunday at 3pm

- Raffle Baskets
- Merchant Mall
- Silent Auction
- Member Boutique
- Demonstrations
- Bed Turnings



\$5.00 Donation  
Over for Directions 

**From North/West: I-355 / I-55:** Exit at I-55 North / Chicago  
Exit at the next exit, Lemont Road South (Exit No. 271A).

Go 3 miles on Lemont Road (at Lemont Rd. bridge, Lemont Rd. becomes State St.);  
continue south to 127th Street, turn right (West) on 127th Street.

Lemont Park District is 1/2 mile west of State St.. on 127th, on left-hand side.  
Proceed to main building on left.

**From South/East: I-80 West to US 45/LaGrange/96th Ave. North.**

Proceed to 179th St., turn left (West) to Wolf Rd.; turn right (North) to 143rd St.,  
turn left (West) to State St.; turn right (North).

Lemont Park District is 1/2 mile west of State St. on 127th, on left-hand side.  
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## Zion-Benton Public Library "Inspirations of a Quilting Artist"

Annette Hendricks, local quilt maker who has won several national awards, will talk about how she gets her ideas for quilts and then develops the ideas into finished works of art.

Wednesday, September 20, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Program is free! Registration requested (847-872-4680, x 4).

The library will also host an exhibit of quilts made by Chicago-area librarians. (At ZBPL 9/11-10/10; then to the Brookfield PL.)

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## Lake County Forest Preserve District - Pieces from My Heart Quilt Exhibit and Presentation

Join the Park Place Quilters, the Bee Joyful Quilters, and other local quilters and quilt owners as they showcase their works of art in cloth. View slides by quilt artist Elizabeth Mini whose quilts have been inspired by the Garifuna culture of Honduras. Door prizes and quilt raffle. Sept. 23, Saturday. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. exhibit. 2 p.m. presentation. Free, no registration required.

At the Greenbelt Cultural Center, east side of Green Bay Road south of Belvidere (Route 120) in North Chicago.

## Happy Birthday to you.....

Sept. 9<sup>TH</sup> Ellen Pease  
Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> Patty O'Hagan  
Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> Marcia Hilse  
Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> Pat Hibbs  
Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> Carol Dunn  
Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> Julie Suchomel  
Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> Susan Russell  
Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> Kitty Hynes



Enjoy your special day, ladies!

Happy belated birthday to Annette Hendricks who celebrated her special day on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Sorry for the omission in the August newsletter.

## Caring for Quilts

[TIPical Mary Ellen : Episode TIP-501](#) -- [More Projects](#) » July 5, 2001

Host Mary Ellen Pinkham shares some tips for keeping quilts, comforters and duvets looking good.

- Read the instructions. Always read and follow the care label on quilts and other bedding items.
- A test for washability that sometimes works is the damp-cloth test. Dampen a clean, white cloth with cold water and rub it over the various colors of a quilt to see if any of them bleed. If none of the colors run, repeat the test with lukewarm water. If the quilt passes both tests, then it might be safe to wash by hand. If there are any doubts, play it safe and send the quilt to be dry-cleaned.
- Older comforters and quilts may fall apart if they are machine washed. A good rule of thumb is if they have cotton batting, then dry-cleaning is the best way to go.
- Before hand-washing, mend any rips or small tears to prevent further damage. Fill the washing machine, then hand-wash the quilt inside the machine. When finished, run the quilt or comforter through the rinse cycle.
- Gently roll up the quilt or comforter in towels to remove excess water, then hang on a strong clothesline to dry. If the dryer has a gentle cycle, then use it to dry the item.
- Handmade quilts with sentimental value should be dry-cleaned to prevent damage.
- A down comforter can adjust to body temperature, so even in the warmer months, it's comfortable because it lets warm air out and cool air in.
- Down comforters should be dry-cleaned. Hang the comforter up to air out when it comes back from the cleaner's to get rid of any residual odors from the solvent.
- Large comforters are too big for home machines and should be taken to a laundry facility for washing.

## INFORMATION UPDATE:

### Joyce Allendorf

Not available online

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Instructions provided courtesy of quilt designer Mark Lipinski:

#### Cutting Mat Cleanup:

Clean your rotary cutting mat with a napped lint-removal brush. This prevents dark or light lint from depositing on your next cut of fabric.

#### Rotary Care:

To keep your rotary cutter sharp, mark the date of the blade change with masking tape on the flat part of the cutter. When your rotary cutter starts skipping, take it apart and turn the blade, add a drop of sewing machine oil and you get double the life on your blades.

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### **Northern Lake County Quilters' Guild**

Northern Lake County Quilters' Guild meets at 7 PM on the first Wednesday of each month at Antioch Township Center located at Grass Lake Road and Deep Lake Road. Social time begins at 6:30 PM. Guests are welcome. There is a \$3 guest fee. If the guest joins the same night or the next month, the \$3 will be applied toward their annual dues. Annual dues are \$20, due each September. Guild pins are available for \$4 each. Items for the newsletter must be submitted to the Editor, Sharon Wick, by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Contact Sharon if you haven't received your newsletter by one week prior to the monthly meeting

